

In the Claims:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (amended) A method for manufacturing a [pleadable] pleatable filter material from a thermally bonded non-woven fabric, comprising [the steps of]:

forming a single fibrous web from drawn and undrawn synthetic fibers;

calendering the single fibrous web[;] in a single calendering step, wherein during the single calendering step,

[bonding] the undrawn fibers in the single fibrous web are bonded in a tension-free manner between profiled calender rolls to form the non-woven fabric, without inhomogeneities over the cross-section of the non-woven fabric and without the use of flat bonding, [;] and wherein during the single calendering step,

[forming] spacers are formed in the non-woven fabric to thereby form the filter material.

2. (amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising [the step of]:

preheating the fibrous web and then guiding the fibrous web between heated calender rolls during the single calendering step.

3. (amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising [the step of]:

preheating the fibrous web and then guiding the fibrous web between cooled calender rolls during the single calendering step.

4. (amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising [the step of]:

guiding the fibrous web, unheated, between heated calender rolls during the single calendering step.